



U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON

# Finance

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Statement of Senator Chuck Grassley  
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It is my pleasure to welcome four nominees to the Finance Committee today. They will each bring a great deal of experience to the positions for which they have been nominated, and I am sure all of them are eager to get started in their new roles.

First, I am pleased to welcome Robert Hoyt, the President's nominee to be General Counsel of the Treasury Department. Mr. Hoyt currently serves as Associate Counsel to the President, having previously worked for many years with the law firm of Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale, and Dorr.

Next I would like to welcome Michele Davis, nominated to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Affairs. Ms. Davis currently serves as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Communications and previously held the post of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs from 2001 to 2003.

Mr. Paul Cherecwich Jr. has been nominated to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board. Throughout his career, Mr. Cherecwich has served in several corporations as an employee with responsibility for tax compliance, and has extensive experience working with tax policy and administration issues as well.

Next I welcome Deborah Wince-Smith, also nominated to the IRS Oversight Board. In addition to having served as an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Ms. Wince-Smith has acquired significant operational experience from serving on many boards and oversight bodies. She is currently president of the Council on Competitiveness.

Once again I would like to welcome all of our nominees to the Committee.